

VIA EXPRESS MAIL NUMBER EL629609029US  
PATENT  
36856.1187

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takahiro OGUCHI	Parent Application Serial
Serial No.: Unknown	Number: 09/548,414
Filed: Concurrently herewith	Parent Application Filing
Title: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN EXTERNAL FORCE DETECTION SENSOR	Date: April 13, 2000

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application,  
Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following Amendment:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which  
begins on page 3 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page      of this paper and include  
an attached replacement sheet: An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is  
attached following page      of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

Please note, if a box is not checked, then no corresponding amendment is being made.